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SUBJ: NARCOTICS, US CUSTOMS CCINC TRAINING

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1. MISSION CANNOT AT PRESENT PROGRAM US CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR GOC CUSTOMS. AS REPORTED BOGOTA REFTELS, GOC CUSTOMS HAS VIRTUALLY SUSPENDED ITS NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORTS AS RESULT BUREAUCRATIC IN-FIGHTING WITH COMPETING GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. IN DISPUTE ARE JURISDICTIONAL LINES BETWEEN AND AMONG CUSTOMS, DAS, F-2 AND GOC ATTORNEY GENERAL. THOUGH CUSTOMS CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN COMBINED AIRPORT NARCO UNITS, ITS SPECIALIZED DRUG INVESTIGATIONS UNIT IS ALL BUT INOPERATIVE AND ITS PLANS TO EXPAND COVERAGE BY SPECIALIST NARCO AGENTS ARE SUSPENDED.

2. GOC IS CURRENTLY STAFFING-OUT A REORGANIZATION PLAN WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY PROVIDE FOR BETTER COORDINATION AND LESS FRICTION AMONG DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. WE EXPECT DISCUSS THIS PLAN WITH GOC OFFICIALS IN NEAR FUTURE. WE WILL READJUST OUR NCAP SUBMISSION FOLLOWING THESE DISCUSSIONS AND CONTINUE TO REPORT AS SITUATION DEVELOPS. WE APPRECIATE US CUSTOMS INTEREST IN COLOMBIA PROGRAM AND HOPE WE CAN GIVE MORE POSITIVE ANSWER ON TRAINING TIMING WITHIN FEW WEEKS.

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